



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5135

LCO No. 2738



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION OF
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' REGIONAL OFFICES
IN HIGH NEED COMMUNITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "high need community" means a community in a regional area served
3 by the Department of Children and Families that has a higher
4 population than other communities in the region or generates a higher
5 than average department caseload than other communities within the
6 region.

7 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4a-2 and 4b-29 of the
8 general statutes, the Department of Administrative Services shall not
9 enter into any property lease, sale or purchase agreement or authorize
10 a building use that would result in the relocation of a regional office of
11 the Department of Children and Families from a high need community
12 to another community unless the Department of Administrative
13 Services has: (1) Conducted an impact analysis of the relocation, and
14 (2) submitted the analysis and the proposed relocation plan for review
15 and approval to the joint standing committees of the General

16 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, human
 17 services, government administration and appropriations and the
 18 budgets of state agencies.

19 (c) The Department of Administrative Services shall include in the
 20 impact analysis conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section:
 21 (1) The number of persons affected by the proposed office relocation,
 22 (2) the effect such proposed relocation would have on accessibility to
 23 human services pursuant to the provisions of section 4b-31 of the
 24 general statutes, (3) accessibility by public and private transportation
 25 to the proposed relocated office, including, but not limited to, whether
 26 such relocation would result in increased transportation costs or
 27 traveling time for persons served at the current office location, and (4)
 28 cost savings to the state related to the proposed relocation of such
 29 office.

30 (d) The joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
 31 cognizance of matters relating to children, human services,
 32 government administration and appropriations and the budgets of
 33 state agencies shall have thirty days from receipt of the impact analysis
 34 and proposed relocation plan to approve or deny the proposed
 35 relocation of a Department of Children and Families' regional office. If
 36 the committees do not concur on the proposed relocation or fail to act,
 37 the proposed relocation shall be deemed approved.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

HS *Joint Favorable*